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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leigh Martin JOHNSON et al.

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FOR: TEE CONNECTION TO A PIPELINE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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Responsive to the notification dated 22 April 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.


In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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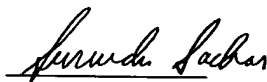
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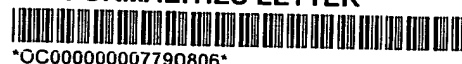
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
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- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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